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Draft of Report on H.R. 12039 and H.R. 169

The following are the comments of the Services Staff on the draft report on H.R. 12039 and H.R. 169:

On page 5, the case for the retention of the Agency's exemption under the Privacy Act could be made stronger if it drew upon some of the language which has been used in various FOIA affidavits. These affidavits have presented some cogent arguments for the protection of sources and methods which is sometimes difficult for the layman to understand (for example, why confidentiality is an absolute in our relations with U.S. businesses and why official executive acknowledgement of information is not always feasible).

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The illustration which is used on pages 5 & 6, while valid, seems rather obvious and comes across sounding somewhat pedantic. THE OGC/FOIA attorneys might be able to offer a might be able to offer a more telling example, perhaps drawing on the language affidavit. used in the

We wonder why the closing paragraph on page 6 is necessary. The practice of clearing such commentary with OMB must be well known.

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We have passed a copy of your draft to the OPS Staff which may also have some comments to submit.

